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IN BRIEF, EIGHT-MINUTE NOVEMBER 7 RED SQUARE SPEECH, MARSHAL MALINOVSKY SAID RECKLESS, AGGRESSIVE ACTIONS OF US IMPERIALIST CIRCLES AGAINST CUBA HAD BROUGHT WORLD TO BRINK THERMONUCLEAR WAR. SOVIET GOVERNMENT DISPLAYED RESTRAINT AND SELF-CONTROL AND DID EVERYTHING IN ITS POWER TO LIQUIDATE INTERNATIONAL CRISIS, TO AVERT AGGRESSION AGAINST CUBA AND TO ENSURE PEACE. THIS MANIFESTATION OF STRIVING TO SAVE PEACE BY SOVIET GOVT AND KHRUSHCHEV PERSONALLY, HE SAID, RECEIVED SUPPORT AND APPROVAL OF PROGRESSIVE MANKIND. MALINOVSKY ADDED SOVIET UNION PURSUING POLICY PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE AND STRIVING SETTLE CONTROVERSIAL QUESTIONS BY MEANS NEGOTIATIONS. IF IMPERIALISTS UNLEASH WAR, THEY WILL RECEIVE DEVASTATING RETALIATORY BLOW.

IN CONTRAST TO LAST YEAR'S SPEECH, MALINOVSKY MADE NO MENTION OF GERMANY OR SOVIET EFFORT TO REACH AGREEMENT ON GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT.

"ORDER OF MINISTER OF DEFENSE" PUBLISHED TODAY REFERS TO THESE QUESTIONS, ASSERTING THAT AGGRESSIVE FORCES OF US OPPOSE REALIZATION SOVIET PROPOSALS FOR GCD AND "PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT GERMAN QUESTION." ORDER ADMONISHES ARMED FORCES BE IN CONSTANT STATE MILITARY READINESS TO CARRY OUT DEVASTATING RETALIATORY BLOW AGAINST AGGRESSOR IF HE SHOULD DARE UNLEASH WAR. ABSENT THIS YEAR IS ASSERTION MADE IN 1961 ORDER AND MALINOVSKY SPEECH THAT SOVIET GOVT MUST IN EVERY WAY STRENGTHEN DEFENSIVE CAPACITY OF COUNTRY AND EQUIP ARMED FORCES WITH ALL MODERN MEANS COMBAT.

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VOROSHILOV WAS AMONG LEADERSHIP ON TOP MAUSOLEUM, FIFTH IN ORDER ARRIVAL, FOLLOWING KHRUSHCHEV, BREZHNEV, KOZLOV, AND KOSYGIN. HE ALSO OCCUPIED PROMINENT PLACE ON TRIBUNE IN KREMLIN PALACE CONGRESSES DURING CONCERT WHICH FOLLOWED HOLIDAY-EVE MEETING NOVEMBER 6. CONTRAST WITH LAST YEAR AND MAY DAY, 1962, OBVIOUS.

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